

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Whoooo's coming to the MilAtari meeting?

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**This Month:**

General Meeting
Saturday, October 24 - noon
Greenfield Park Lutheran Church
1236 S. 115th St.

Executive Board Meeting

(All members invited)
Sunday, November 1 - 7:00 p.m.
Shakey's
96th & National Ave.

Remaining 1992 Meetings:

November 21
December 19

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Meetings

MilAtari Meetings are usually held on the third Saturday of each month at Greenfield Park Lutheran Church, 1236 S. 115th St. The doors open at noon. Members socialize during the initial hour while browsing through the libraries. Purchases can be made from the PD offerings and club and/or member sale merchandise. The current PD selections are demonstrated during the milling period, followed by the business meeting at 1:00 p.m. Special helps and classes available afterward.

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Newsletter office hours are 9 to 5 most days, except when I step out at 3 or come in at noon. Some days I'm not in at all, and lately I've been here just about all the time, except when I'm someplace else.

**"And although you will say, I am still too naive.
But I have not lost faith,
in the things I believe.
And if I don't have this all worked out,
still I'm getting closer, getting closer.
I still have far to go no doubt,
but I'm still getting closer, getting closer."**

Billy Joel

What'cha want first; the good news, or the bad news?

Well, Let's go with the the bad news first:

Terri Borchardt has resigned as Cashier. Terri has been a member of MilAtari since 1990 and has been a big help. The Cashier's job is one of those thankless jobs, but never the less is very important to the smooth running of a meeting (like the President's?).

Next, the good news:

Dave Deeds has volunteered to step forward and take over the Resale Shop. Dave is better known as "Mr. Midi-Maze" through his years of help at GEN CON (not to mention some of the outfits he wears during the show!). He is also currently helping out on our downloading crew. Welcome aboard, Dave!

With fall finally on it's way, people seem to start finding more time to put in on their computer. PLEASE let either myself or any other Board member or Volunteer know if there are ANY questions that you have about either the 8-Bit, ST or even the Lynx. There is no such thing as a stupid question! If enough members want it, a Beginners SIG could be restarted. MilAtari is for the members; please let us know what we can do for you!

I look forward to seeing YOU on the 24th!

Lee



NEW 8-BIT PUBLIC DOMAIN DISKS

Joseph Sliker, 8-bit Vice President

No, the MilAtari 8-bit public domain library is not a thing of the past. It has, however, been seriously neglected of late. Michael Koepp, our regular librarian, is currently unable to attend our Saturday meetings. I myself have collected tons of files over the past couple of years but have not found the time to start to organize any of these onto disks for our PD library. I lashed myself to the mast about a week ago and was able to make some progress. Most of the time was spent trying to come up with an efficient production and distribution system, the beginnings of which I think I have. Please note the fact that all of the PD disks listed this month are double-sided (I wish to minimize the wanton destruction of America's great plastic and magnetic media forests in any way I can). And yes, the disks are still only \$2.50 each. There are about eight new disks described below. Hopefully there will be even more to share by this week's meeting.

SOUND AND GRAPHICS DEMOS

I find that I have collected a lot of demos over the past several months, some sound, some graphics, some combined.

Disk #272 (Double Sided)

Side A: A new sound/graphics and message demo from Holland's High Tech Team (in English). This demo even contains a digitized image of our heroes, who have up until now been known only by their handles (I've always wondered what Frankenstein looked like).

Side B: More demos

Disk #273 Journey Into Sound (Double Sided)

This disk is a long running demo containing quite a bit of digitized sound and music. So much sound, in fact, that you must flip the disk midway through in order to hear the whole thing. A particularly interesting feature at the

end allows you to play any one of several sounds with single keypresses.

ATARI EXPLORER ONLINE

As a service to our members who may not be active modem-users, (or may be reluctant to spend time capturing large download files), we now bring you recent issues of Atari Corporation's own ATARI EXPLORER ONLINE. While Atari releases this online "magazine" in .LZH data compacting format, our own erstwhile Dave Glish has been kind enough to convert these to .ARC format, much to the great relief of us 8-biters. These are huge files. You will need to use one of Bob Puff's UnARCing programs (like Super UnARC, which is available on one of our earlier PD disks, and is often included on the AIM disks as well). Two disk drives are recommended, at least one of which should be a 1050 or higher capacity drive as these files frequently take up more than the 90K available on a single-sided, single-density disk.

Disk #274

ATARI EXPLORER ONLINE

Side A: Issue 9210

Side B: Issue 9211

Disk #275

ATARI EXPLORER ONLINE

Side A: Issue 9212

Side B: Issue 9213

AND STILL MORE!

Disk #276 (Double Sided)

Side A: Yet another demo (this one's called "Relax")

Side B: This side contains a set of board games including Othello, Knight, and Catch 88.

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ST Public Domain

Dennis Wilson

MilAtari Ltd. St Public Domain Library Disks are available at the meeting at a price of \$3.50 per disk, and through mail order at \$4.00 per disk. Special package prices may also be in effect at club meetings for certain disks or quantities of disks. The charge for the disks covers the cost of the media and handling, with all proceeds going to support the activities of MilAtari Ltd.

Some of the programs on these disks have been released as shareware and are so documented in the programs themselves. MilAtari Ltd. supports the shareware concept and you are encouraged to make donations to the individual authors should you find their programs useful.

The MilAtari PD Libraries are intended to provide a repository for useful and interesting programs, and each file is tested before inclusion on the disk. We believe that each file is worthy of your consideration. No warranty is expressed nor implied, however, as to their content or usability. Defective disks will be gladly replaced. These disks are made available for sale at the monthly club meeting and may be ordered in advance by posting a message in the Library Lounge on the club BBS. Librarians of other clubs are encouraged to contact our ST Librarian concerning trading of programs in their respective libraries.

DISK 381 - UTILITY DISK

ALPHONE:

Alphone converts seven digit telephone numbers to words. It displays all possible letter combinations from a phone number. The program has a no-frills user interface. You simply enter the seven digit phone number, then select whether to send the output to screen or printer.

BDB13:

Book DataBase One V1.3 - A program to provide an efficient and convenient method of cataloguing and listing of books. Entry of data is designed to be as painless as possible. All data is stored in memory for speed of sorting and access. Listings are dumped to disk in ASCII for later printing by the most appropriate means. Standard GEM protocols (mouse, menus, dialogs) are used for ease of learning and use. Up to four authors per title. Medium or High Resolution.

DATALOPE:

Data-Lope V1.1 - A program which combines an addressing database with a VERY flexible envelope printing program. Data-Lope uses the internal fonts and font characteristics of

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the DeskJet to define each and every line of your return and mailing address individually. Extensive online help screens plus docs. Obviously, this program is only of use to owners of Deskjet printers. Medium and high ST and TT resolutions.

GRAPH243: Grapher - A program to allow users to create many different types of graphs. Using labels entered by the user, the program can be configured for xaxis,yaxis chart with up to 6 variables with plots against the left axis or the right axis. Hi-Lo, Pie, Bar,Bubble graphs, opposed bars, Polar plots, 3D, and multiple variable charts are possible. Medium and high resolution.

DISK 382 - UTILITY DISK

GEMVELOP: GEMvelope - This is the latest demo version of GEMvelope, an envelope printer. This demo is fully functional except for the following: 1) You cannot Load or Save addresses and setups, 2) Various Alert boxes are added to describe features and slow operation, 3) When POSTNET codes are enabled, a message is printed under the address, and 4) Printing merged addresses are limited.

HCOPY: COPY V1.3 - A fast disk copying utility from Germany. Probably familiar to many users in it's prior name, Hypercopy.

HELPGDOS: This file is a text file that clearly explains the methods necessary to install FONTGDOS, the new GDOS replacement from Atari. This file discusses both GDOS and the newer version that is available from Atari. Medium and high resolutions.

JEKYLL: Jekyll V1.20 - Jekyll is brand-new file transfer protocol, enabling flawless full-streaming, full-duplex transmission of files. In other words, it lets let you chat with a friend while you are transferring files back and forth.

SMOOTH: A drawing program reminiscent of the original Degas program. All the usual features are included, such as fills, circles, and ellipses. The program uses the right mouse button to switch between drawing screen and the tool box. If you have GDOS installed when the program is run, it will ask you weather you want to load GDOS fonts or not.

STWRTR48: ST Writer Ver 4.8 - Version 4.8 of this word processor. On this disk is the complete English-language version. Version 4.7

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Allows for running TOS versions less than 3.00 on 68030 processor (such as SST), and STE TOS on ST (CodeHeads TEC). Beats me what 4.8 improved, they don't say. Guess you'll have to experiment with it to find out, or wait until the next version to see what they improved in this one!

WP_GUIDE:

A guide for users of Word Perfect for the ST. Two versions of the file are on the disk, one in ASCII, and the other apparently in Word Perfect format.

DISK 383 - GAME DISK.

CWC_II:

The NEW Crossword Creator II Demo - According to the author, this is the fastest, easiest to use, and most complete crossword program ever developed for Atari ST, MegaST, STE, MegaSTE, TT computers. This demo is fully functional and quite similar to the full release version except for a maximum word limit of 5 words. Features of the complete program include: 1) Extensive on-line help, 2) Symmetrical Templating function, 3) Draft or Final Quality printouts, 4) Manual or Automatic word placement, 5) Interactive or Word List word entry, 6) Smart editor avoids conflicting words, 7) Saves puzzles in Degas graphics format, 8) Create huge puzzles up to 30 x 20 in size, 9) Easy-to-use interface uses mouse or keyboard, 10) Works with both color and monochrome monitors, 11) Saves clues as 1 or 2 column ASCII text files, 12) Complete, illustrated manual (not a text file), 13) FAST! Puzzles generated in seconds, not minutes, 14) Move, Relocate, Delete, Undelete, Resize f functions, and 15) Supports all printers (Epson FX compatible recommended). Program by Fair Dinkum Technologies.

DD3:

Double Dragon III - A demo of a punch-em and kick-em side view scrolling arcade game.

TUZZLE11:

Tuzzle Ver 1.1 - A tile puzzle that will test the metal of any user. Works in medium and high resolution.

WSC:

The NEW Word Search Creator Demo - The Premier word search puzzle creation utility for all Atari ST, STE, TT computers! This demo is fully functional and quite similar to the full release version except for a maximum word limit of 5 words. The full release version features: 1) Installable on hard drives, 2) Includes extensive on-line help, 3) Eight-way Automatic word placement, 4) Interactive or Word List word entry, 5) Saves puzzles in DEGAS graphics format, 6) Create huge puzzles up to

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From the Editor

what's left. I don't think this is fair to the membership or to my fellow board members.

Doc Armin has been saying for years now that we need a supply of new blood to keep the heart of MilAtari alive. Somewhere along the line we, the board, have ignored that diagnosis and refused to follow the doctor's orders. Fortunately, the situation is not critical. There is hope for the patient.

It seems that all of our worlds are spinning out of control. I have come to know a great many of you and have found that you are also involved in other organizations and clubs, and that you too have little time to spare to write that article, or attend a board meeting, or demo your latest software purchase at a meeting. Indeed, many of you have yet to pop the shrink wrap on the last piece you bought, months back.

Despite all this, it is time for others among us to recoup and reorganize your "volunteer" time and reconsider what you can do for MilAtari. The life of our club is in the hands of the membership. Many of the current board members have been at it too long; and it shows.

When I approached Dennis Wilson at our second club meeting, way back in May of '86, to volunteer my

Meetings

Perhaps some of you have noticed my absence of late at the monthly meetings. Unfortunately, a number of family obligations have kept me away in recent months. I had planned on resuming my normal monthly regime with the October meeting, but it looks as if a more pressing matter has again pushed its way ahead a rung on the priority ladder in the Gross household.

I have always felt, as do many of my fellow board members, that when an officer of the club stops attending meetings, it is usually a symptom of greater proportions in terms of club membership, ie: burnout - or an impending resignation.

Priorities

Since we joined MilAtari in 1986, I could count the number of meetings missed on my toes...but this sudden shift in priorities has caused me to think through my priorities and reevaluate my "volunteer" situation. Two years ago our family recreation time, as well as any other commitments, was planned around MilAtari. Today, MilAtari is given

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From the Editor

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services, I did it for selfish reasons. I wanted to learn more about the use of my Atari computer. The club has served me well in this area. I have learned a great deal from becoming an active participant in MilAtari. From running public domain software demos to promote sales, to assembly and distribution of the promo disk (remember that?), to writing reviews, to becoming president and finally the editor, the computer skills I've used and learned have proved invaluable. I have always believed that participation in club business served a dual purpose: to take care of necessary club business, and more importantly, to learn computer skills - the very reason most of us join up in the first place.

If we take on our respective duties as totally qualified applicants, there is little room for improvement. But if we encourage members to come forward who need to learn, who want to really learn how to use their computer for desktop publishing, accounting, database management, or whatever, then we need to encourage and entice the novices among us to step forward to "take care of business."

Goodbyes

As of the day you receive this issue, I have submitted a similar notice to the club's board of directors. I am sorry to say that with all the other obligations I have right now with my children, I do not feel I can give

MilAtari the priority it must have in order for me to put out a respectable newsletter. In looking at the months ahead, I see that it's going to get worse before it gets better. Not only will I miss the October meeting, but I realize that the November meeting also falls on a day already committed to the family. I hope that one of you who wishes to learn more about desktop publishing will come forward to take on this responsibility.

It is my hope that with the responsibility of Editor lifted from my shoulders, I will be able to devote time, less demanding time, in writing reviews, assembling pd for desktop publishing enthusiasts, and getting a SIG or two together (remember those?).

We intend to continue to support the club through attending meetings and obviously by remaining members of the club. Hopefully, we'll make it to the December Christmas Party....as long as football season is over it shouldn't be a problem!

I thank the membership for the opportunity I've had over the past few years to learn....using your resources, and your feedback to improve. I hope you've enjoyed the newsletters, and look forward to working with whoever comes forward to turn over the keyboard. Hope to see you all at the next meeting!

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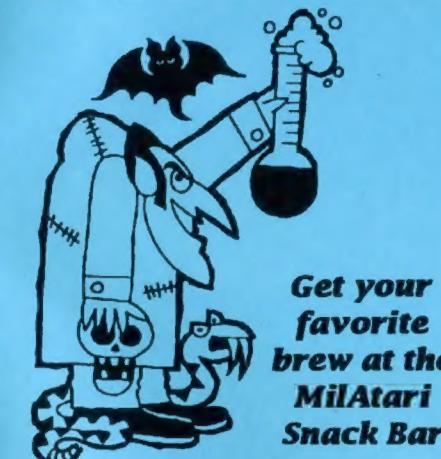
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